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FOR ALDRICH

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, SW
SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS - SWEDISH VIEWS

1. AT LUNCH TODAY SWEDISH REP HANS BLIX ASKED MY VIEWS ON NAPALM AND OTHER CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. I EXPLAINED THINKING BEHIND OUR PROPOSED CHANGES TO SWEDISH DRAFT AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE WE PLACED ON HAVING SERIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION OF SUBJECT BY EXPERTS AND CONCERN THAT LINKAGE TO 1974 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE COULD PRODUCE PRESSURES FOR TOO HASTY ACTION. I ASKED WHETHER GOS WOULD CONSIDER AGREEMENT TO PROCEED DIRECTLY WITH MEETINGS OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS UNDER AUSPICES OF ICRC OR UNSYG.

2. BLIX SAID HE FELT IT WAS TOO LATE TO TURN NOW FROM DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO SOME OTHER FORUM FOR WORK ON WEAPONS QUESTIONS. HE SAID HE HAD ADVISED SWEDISH MISSON IN NEW YORK TO ACCEPT AMENDENTS THAT DID NOT GO TO THE HEART OF THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL AND TOREJECT AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD REMOVE ISSUE FROM DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: BLIX IS CONFIDENT OF BROAD SUPPORT FOR HIS RESOLUTION AND IS QUITE PREPARED TO GET ALONG WITHOUT USG. CLEARLY HE WANTS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE PROPOSALS ON WEAPONS AT 1974 DIPLOMATIC CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH HE IS WILLING TO AGREE THAT SEVERAL YEARS OF

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WORK ON THEM WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A DOCUMENT ON WEAPONS READY FOR SIGNATURE. MY VIEW REMAINS THAT WE WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO ACCEPT FIRST EXPERT STUDY BY GROUP FORMED AT FIRST SESSION OF 1974 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE; SUFFICIENT PROBLEMS WILL DOUBTLESS BE REVEALED SO THAT ANY RUSH TO CONCLUDE EARLY, ILL-CONSIDERED AGREEMENTS COULD BE RESISTED SUCCESSFULLY.
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